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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE VISIT TO NORWAY

REF: STATE 22077

1. AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE SPENT PERIOD FEB. 23-27 IN OSLO WHERE HE WAS ONE OF FEATURED SPEAKERS AT NORWEGIAN ATLANTIC COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR THIRTY HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, TRADE UNIONS AND MEDIA INCLUDING FIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED MINISTER OF DEFENSE, PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT, STATE SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE CHIEF, ETC.

2. "EUROPEAN UNITY AND ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP," WAS TITLE OF AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH WHICH AROUSED HOUR LONG DISCUSSION OF NATURE OF DETENTE, MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, SECURITY PROBLEMS OF FLANK COUNTRIES, AND BURDEN SHARING. NORWAY'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER AFTENPOSTEN CARRIED FIVE COLUMN REPORT ON SPEECH.

3. OTHER PARTS OF AMBASSADOR'S PROGRAM INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY AND CHAIRMAN STORTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,
BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH AFNORTH COMMAND GROUP AND

TOUR OF MOUNTAIN HEADQUARTERS, AND ATTENDANCE AT STAG
DINNER GIVEN AT RESIDENCE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER, CHAIRMAN
CONSERVATIVE PARTY, SECRETARY GENERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE,
CHIEF EDITOR OF AFTENPOSTEN, DIRECTORS OF INSTITUTES FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, ETC.

4. EMBASSY AND USIS ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF AMBASSADOR'S
EXTREMELY ELOQUENT AND EFFECTIVE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EXPOSITION
OF U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEWS, WHICH HELPED TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING
AMONG KEY NORWEGIAN POLICY AND OPINION MAKERS OF PROBLEMS OF
DETENTE AND BURDEN SHARING AND TO ALLAY SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS
ABOUT THE POSSIBLE RESULTS TO FLANK COUNTRIES OF MFR
NEGOTIATIONS. VISIT ALSO SERVED TO STRENGTHEN OUR CO-
OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH NORWEGIAN ATLANTIC COMMITTEE
AND FURNISH OPPORTUNITY FOR RENEWED CONTACTS AND IN-DEPTH
DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADING EXPERTS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND
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